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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Bureau of Land Management**

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### **Alaska Native Claims Selection**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior

**ACTION:** Notice of Decision Approving Lands for Conveyance

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that an appealable decision will be issued by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), approving conveyance of the surface estate in the lands described below to NANA Regional Corporation, Inc., Successor in Interest to Noatak Napaaktukmeut Corporation, pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

**DATES:** Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4. Please see the “**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**” section for the time limits for appealing the decision.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513-7504.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** The BLM by phone at 907-271-5960 or by email at [blm\\_ak\\_akso\\_public\\_room@blm.gov](mailto:blm_ak_akso_public_room@blm.gov). Persons who use a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay

Service (FIRS) at 1 800-877-8339 to contact the BLM during normal business hours.

In addition, the FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the BLM. The BLM will reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision will be issued by the BLM to NANA Regional Corporation, Inc., Successor in Interest to Noatak Napaaktukmeut Corporation.

The decision approves the surface estate in the lands described below for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601, et seq.). The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to NANA Regional Corporation, Inc., when the surface estate is conveyed to NANA Regional Corporation, Inc., as Successor in Interest to Noatak Napaaktukmeut Corporation. Noatak Napaaktukmeut Corporation was the original ANCSA Corporation for the village of Noatak, but merged with NANA Regional Corporation, Inc., in 1976 under the authority of Public Law 94-204. The lands are located in the vicinity of Noatak, Alaska, and are described as:

**Kateel River Meridian, Alaska**

T. 25 N., R. 18 W.,

Secs. 5, 6, and 7;

Secs. 18 and 19.

Containing 1,726.39 acres.

Notice of the decision will also be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Arctic Sounder.

Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4 within the following

time limits:

1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall have until [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4 shall be deemed to have waived their rights. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as facsimile or email, will not be accepted as timely filed.

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